

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
January 17, 2002**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 2, 2001, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this January 17, 2002 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William S. Crawford, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Mr. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Dr. Stacy Davidson was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Crawford, President, and opened with prayer by Mr. Griffis.

BOARD DINNER

Mr. Bill Crawford thanked Dr. Lester Newman, President of Mississippi Valley State University, and his faculty and staff for hosting the January 17, 2002 Board dinner.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on November 15, 2001, and the Minutes of the special session meeting held on December 12-13, 2001, stand approved.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT (UC)

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That consent to be considered is granted to all items not previously placed on the agenda and hereinafter reported.

Mr. Crawford passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Dr. Thomas Layzell for a presentation.

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY (CIT) STUDY PRESENTATION**

Dr. Layzell introduced Ms. Brenda Thornton, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of the AmFed Companies, who gave a presentation concerning the university related recommendations for *Skills and Workforce Development for Mississippi's CIT Cluster*. Ms. Thornton introduced Dr. Bob Altenkirch, Vice President for Research for Mississippi State University; Dr. Alice Clark, Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs for The University of Mississippi; Dr. Cecil Burge, Associate Vice President of Research and Technology Transfer

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for The University of Southern Mississippi; and Dr. Felix Okojie, Vice President for Research and Strategic Initiatives for Jackson State University.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS AGENDA
Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell

1. **System Administration** -Dr. Layzell introduced Dr. Bill McHenry, Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs, who gave a presentation concerning the *Academic Program Duplication Report*. A copy of the report is included in the *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.

Dr. Layzell passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Mr. Carl Nicholson for consideration of the Budget and Financial Affairs Agenda items.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AGENDA
Mr. Carl Nicholson, Chair

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Budget and Financial Affairs Agenda. Agenda item #2 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting. Agenda item #3 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Griffis, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting. Agenda items #4-5 were approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting. Agenda item #6 was accepted on a separate motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting.

1. **MSU** - Approved request for a merger between The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) at MSU and the Mississippi Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MVDL). The merger will strengthen animal disease research and diagnostic efforts. The MVDL is a stand-alone state agency, and the merger will require legislative approval. Key leadership in the House and Senate are prepared to introduce legislation to bring about the merger.
2. **UMMC** - Approved request to enter into an agreement with Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc. to provide professional nursing services for the University Hospitals at times when the need to supplement its existing staff ensures efficient and quality functioning of the individual units. The contract begins January 17, 2002 through June 30, 2002 and should not exceed \$251,000 for the six-month period. A copy of the agreement is included in the bound *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.

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3. **System Administration** - Approved the following individuals to serve on the NISSAN Scholarship Selection Committee: Dr. Donzell Lee, Director of the ASU Honors Program and Dr. Mark Butler, DSU Professor of Music. Dr. William McHenry, Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs, will serve as the appointee from the IHL - Office of Academic Affairs. As the Director of Mississippi Student Financial Aid, Ms. Peggy Sledge will serve as the coordinator of the Selection Committee.
4. **System Administration.** - Approved the Contract and Note and Rules and Regulations for the Family Medicine Education Loan Repayment Program. A copy of each is included in the bound *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.
5. **System Administration.** - Approved the Contract and Note and Rules and Regulations for the Mississippi State Loan Repayment Program for Health Care Clinicians. A copy of each is included in the bound *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.
6. **System Administration. (Information item.)** - Accepted the FY 2001 Annual Financial Report. A copy of the report is included in the *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.
7. **System Administration. (Information item.)** - The Board discussed the FY 2003 Budget. A copy of the budget is included in the *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.
8. **Other Business**
 - a. **Alcorn State University FY01 Audit**— Dr. Clinton Bristow, President of Alcorn State University, gave an update on the ASU audit. The FY01 Audit for ASU has been completed. The draft report is being reviewed. The draft report gives ASU an unqualified opinion. The final report should be at IHL within the week.

Mr. Nicholson passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Ms. Ricki Garrett for an update on the Mississippi University for Women Presidential Search Committee activities.

**MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Ms. Garrett informed the Board that applications for the presidential position are being received. The Campus Advisory Committee met last week with the consultant, Dr. Jan Greenwood of A. T. Kearney. Dr. Greenwood reviewed the criteria of selecting a president and gave the Committee some advice on the best ways to evaluate applications from candidates and to evaluate the candidates themselves. The Campus Advisory Committee plans to meet on Monday, February 4, 2002, to evaluate candidate applications. The Campus Advisory Committee will

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recommend to the Board ten or twelve candidates for first-round interviews in Jackson. Then the Board will actually decide which candidates will be invited for the first-round interviews. The Search Committee is on track for having a president in office by late spring.

Ms. Garrett passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton for an update on the activities of The University of Southern Mississippi Presidential Search Committee.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Ms. Newton stated that the Search Committee is right on track. The Campus Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 24, 2002 to conduct a first-round review of candidate applications. At this time the Campus Advisory Committee will hopefully narrow the number of candidates to about twenty names. The Campus Advisory Committee will then meet on Thursday, February 7, 2002 to comprise a final list of candidates to be recommended to the Board.

Ms. Newton passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Mr. Crawford.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Mr. Crawford appointed Mr. Carl Nicholson as Chair of the Mississippi State University Presidential Search Committee. Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Neely, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten were also appointed to the Search Committee.

Mr. Crawford passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Dr. Thomas Layzell for a discussion of the tentative presidential search schedules. Then, Dr. Layzell passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Mr. Crawford for consideration of an Other Business Agenda item.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. **ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD--System Administration** - Section 301.02 of the Board's Bylaws provides that the Board shall elect its officers at the January meeting of the Board to take office on the 8th day of May each year. Mr. Crawford opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board.

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A motion was made by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, pursuant to Section 301.0517 of the *Board Bylaws*, to postpone consideration of the nominations for the office of the Vice President of the Board until the next Board meeting. The motion failed on a 6 to 5 vote, which is not a 2/3rds vote. Dr. Stacy Davidson was absent and not voting. The Board members voting for the motion were: Mr. Bill Crawford, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, and Mr. Scott Ross. Board members **voting against the motion were: Mr. Thomas Colbert, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Dr. Bettye Neely, Mr. Carl Nicholson, and Ms. Amy Whitten.**

THE BOARD BRIEFLY RECESSED AND RECONVENED WITH THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

Mr. Ross nominated Mr. Thomas Colbert. Ms. Garrett nominated Mr. Roy Klumb. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed on motion by Dr. Neely. Mr. Roy Klumb withdrew from the nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Ms. Whitten, to accept by acclamation, Mr. Thomas Colbert as the newly elected Vice President of the Board for a one year term, beginning May 8, 2002. The motion passed on a 10-1 vote, with Dr. Davidson absent and not voting. Board members voting for the motion were: Mr. Thomas Colbert, Mr. Bill Crawford, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Mr. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Neely, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. **Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton voted against the motion.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Dr. Davidson and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Griffis, with Dr. Davidson and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reasons later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

- Discussion of the *Ayers* case;
- Discussion of a legal matter at The University of Southern Mississippi;
- Discussion of a system personnel matter;
- Discussion of a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University;
- Discussion of a litigation matter at The University of Southern Mississippi; and
- Discussion of a Workers' Compensation case at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Dr. Davidson and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

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The following report on the Executive Session was given by the President:

The Board received a brief update on the *Ayers* case.

The Board discussed a legal matter at The University of Southern Mississippi.

The Board discussed a system personnel matter.

Mr. Crawford passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Ms. Ricki Garrett for consideration of the litigation matters concerning The University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

On motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Colbert, with Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board approved the settlement of the case styled *Portland McCaskill Brown v. The University of Southern Mississippi*.

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Dr. Magee, with Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board approved the settlement of the Workers' Compensation case styled *Patricia Clark v. the University of Mississippi Medical Center*.

Ms. Garrett passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Mr. Bill Crawford for consideration of a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University.

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Ross, with Dr. Davidson and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board voted to grant Dr. Lester Newman, President of Mississippi Valley State University, a four-year contract.

Mr. Crawford passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Ms. Ricki Garrett for consideration of the remaining Legal Agenda items.

LEGAL AGENDA

Ms. Ricki Garrett, Chair

1. **System Administration (Information item.)** - Payment of legal fees.
 - a. Approved payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters, as follows:

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Dogan & Wilkinson (Statement dated 11/5/01) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the title work on forest lands.)

TOTAL DUE \$1,740.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 9/7/01 and 11/5/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$691.00 and \$1,876.70, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with a U. S. Attorney Audit and general advice, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,567.70

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McCalla, Thompson, Pyburn, Hymowitz & Shapiro (Statement dated 11/26/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Thompson* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,998.05

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Adams and Reese (Statements dated 10/29/01 and 10/31/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following cases: '*Rea*' - \$6,209.59 and '*Wilson*' - \$1,174.75, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE \$7,384.34

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lawrence Bernstein (Statement dated 11/1/01) from the funds of Mississippi University for Women. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with their radio license.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,949.25

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 10/31/01) from the funds of The University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Ray* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$19,418.61

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wells, Moore, Simpson & Hubbard (Statement dated 10/26/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Salter* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,212.84

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lawrence Bernstein (Statement dated 11/1/01) from the funds of Mississippi University for Women. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with their radio licence.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,949.25

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 10/31/01) from the funds of The University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Ray* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$19,418.61

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wells, Moore, Simpson & Hubbard (Statement dated 10/26/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Salter* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,212.84

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Dogan & Wilkinson (Statement dated 12/7/01) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with forest lands.)

TOTAL DUE \$508.75

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lawrence Bernstein (Statement dated 12/3/01) from the funds of Mississippi University for Women. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with their radio license.)

TOTAL DUE \$259.07

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McCalla, Thompson, Pyburn, Hymowitz & Shapiro (Statement dated 11/28/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Thompson* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$5,483.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Adams & Reese (Statements dated 11/28/01, 11/28/01, 11/28/01, 11/28/01, and 7/16/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$367.24; \$200.00; \$4,575.04; \$390.75; and \$3,670.02, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the *Wilson*, *McDonald*, *Rea*, *Wilson*, and *Rea* cases.)

TOTAL DUE \$9,203.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Daniel Coker Horton & Bell (Statement dated 10/22/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Shack* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$9,732.66

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stubblefield Harvey & Shivers (Statement dated 10/30/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Thoma* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$588.00

- b. Approved payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to patent matters, as follows:
Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Needle & Rosenberg (Statements dated 11/29/01, 11/28/01, and 11/29/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with patent applications for "Methods for Stabilization and Renaturation of Proteins..." - \$586.21; "Hemodialysis Tubing Adapter..." - \$685.00; and "Dental Film Holder" - \$290.00.)

TOTAL DUE \$1,561.21

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Piper Marbaury Rudnick & Wolfe (Statements dated 12/6/00, 12/6/00, 12/7/00, 12/8/01, 12/15/00, 12/15/00, 4/16/01, 4/17/01, 5/31/01, 7/17/01, 10/26/01, 10/26/01, 10/26/01, 10/31/01, and 11/13/01) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$625.13; \$1,166.50; \$7,095.80;

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\$2,465.00; \$495.19; \$1,915.77; \$468.76; \$725.81; \$33.50; \$498.17; \$1,985.73; \$345.00; \$2,369.07; \$1,688.10; and \$345.00, represent services and expenses in connection with various patent applications.)

TOTAL DUE \$22,222.53

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Needle & Rosenberg (Statements dated 10/31/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$60.00 and \$145.00, represent services and expenses in connection with various patent applications.)

TOTAL DUE \$205.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 10/31/01) from the funds of The University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Ray* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$19,418.61

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wells, Moore, Simpson & Hubbard (Statement dated 10/26/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Salter* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,212.84

2. **System Administration. (Information item.)** - Approved, upon review and recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Litigation Report for January 1, 2002. The report is included in the bound *January 17, 2001 Board Working File*.
3. **System Administration. (Information item.)** - The Board received the Quarterly litigation expense reports relating to the IHL Tort Plan and IHL Workers' Compensation Plan for information purposes.
4. **Other Business** - Ms. Garrett stated that at the Stadium Commission meeting the promoters of the "Capital City Classic" were asking to sell beer during the football game. The Stadium Commission denied their request.

Ms. Garrett passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Mr. Bryce Griffis for consideration of the Building Facilities Agenda items.

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BUILDING FACILITIES AGENDA

Mr. Bryce Griffis, Chair

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves agenda items #1, #2, and #4 as submitted on the following Building Facilities Agenda. **AGENDA ITEM #3 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.** Agenda items #5-12 were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting. **MR. NICHOLSON ABSTAINED FROM AGENDA ITEM #5.** Agenda item #13 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting.

1. **JSU** - Approved contract documents and authorize advertisement for the receipt of bids for **IHL #203-137, Athletic Facilities, Track and Field.** Funds are available in the amount of \$350,000 from University sources.
2. **UMMC** - Approved contract documents and authorize advertisement for the receipt of bids for **IHL #209-450, School of Dentistry Roof Replacement.** Funds are available in the amount of \$250,000 from interest income.
3. **USM** - Contract documents and advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #108-166, Fairchild Building Addition.** The estimated cost of construction is \$1,574,000. Funds are available from the USM Athletic Foundation. **THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**
4. **USM** - Approved construction documents, authorize advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #108-196, Roofing and Waterproofing,** and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project will replace roofs on Bolton Hall, George Commons, Reed Green Coliseum, Peck House, and Forest County Hall. Funds are available in the amount of \$550,000 from S.B. 3315, Laws of 2000.
5. **USM** - Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$3,190,000 (base bid less deductive alternates #1 and #3) to the low bidder, Addison Construction Company, for **GS #108-183, Marine/Hydrographic Science Facility, Stennis Center,** and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the amount of \$2 million from S.B. 3194, Laws of 1997, and in the amount of \$1.5 million from H.B. 1671, Laws of 1999. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates
1. Addison Construction Company	\$4,258,000	1. (\$360,000)
	<u>(\$38,000)</u>	2. (\$ 26,000)
	\$4,220,000	3. (\$670,000)
		4. (\$ 25,000)

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2. GM&R Construction Co., Inc.	\$4,342,000	1. (\$363,797) 2. (\$ 51,500) 3. (\$721,000) 4. (\$ 42,446)
3. Jay-Van Company	\$4,370,000	1. (\$361,000) 2. (\$ 46,000) 3. (\$641,000) 4. (\$ 22,000)
4. Dan Hensarling, Inc.	\$4,489,000	1. (\$360,000) 2. (\$ 50,000) 3. (\$740,000) 4. (\$ 20,000)
5. W. E. Davis & Sons Construction, Inc.	\$4,600,000 <u>(\$110,000)</u> \$4,490,000	1. (\$326,990) 2. (\$ 27,400) 3. (\$734,000) 4. (\$ 28,280)
6. Starks Contracting Co., Inc.	\$5,500,000 <u>(\$951,000)</u> \$4,549,000	1. (\$381,000) 2. (\$ 48,000) 3. (\$754,000) 4. (\$ 20,000)

6. **MSU** - Approved equipment specifications, authorize advertisement for the receipt of bids, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings for **GS #113-098, Life Sciences & Biotech Equipment**. Funds are available in the amount of \$1 million from S.B. 3158, Laws of 2001.

7. **MSU** - Approved request to remove the following buildings from inventory:

Description	Sq. Footage	Year Built	Original Cost
Plant Pathology Storage	4,110	1948	\$10,000
Biotron Building	1,445	1964	\$25,000

These structures are in poor condition and are no longer needed for their intended purpose. They will be demolished.

8. **UM** - Approved request to grant a five-year pedestrian easement to the developer of an adjoining apartment complex, Campus Walk. The easement is for a path across the University's undeveloped land to allow its tenants pedestrian access to the developed portion of the campus.
9. **UMMC** - Approved the Nineteenth Amendment to the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation lease agreement for an additional 37,822 square feet for the shipping and receiving for A Comprehensive Tobacco Center ("ACT"). The annual cost of the lease is \$283,286.78. Also, approved leasing 6,964 square feet for the ACT Suite for an annual cost of \$86,353.36. The lease is for a five-year period beginning January 17, 2002. A copy of the amendment is included in the bound *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.

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10. **UMMC** - Approved request to purchase property at 480 Woodrow Wilson Drive for \$571,025 from Construction Consultants, INC. The average of two appraisals is \$607,500. The property consists of 41,316 square feet and has an asphalt parking lot and two small buildings. Funds are available from interest earnings.
11. **USM** - Approved request to name the new residence hall the "Oseola McCarty Hall," in honor of Miss Oseola McCarty who, in 1995, established the Oseola McCarty Scholarship Fund with a donation to the USM Foundation for the benefit of deserving students.
12. **USM** - Approved request to name the football practice fields "The Joe P. Park Practice Fields." A group of Mr. Park's friends and business associates raised funds to provide lighting for the two-field complex and established a Golden Eagle endowed golf scholarship in his name.
13. **System Administration.** Approved the FY 2003 Capital Improvements Request. A copy of the request is included in the *January 17, 2001 Board Working File*.

Mr. Griffis passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Dr. Thomas Layzell for consideration of the Personnel/Foreign Travel Agenda items.

PERSONNEL/FOREIGN TRAVEL AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the employment of personnel items and agenda item #2 as submitted on the following Personnel/Foreign Travel Agenda. The change of status items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Mr. Ross, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting. The termination of personnel items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting.

1. PERSONNEL REPORT:

EMPLOYMENT

Delta State University - Athletics

Buckels, Carlton

Campbell, Steven M.

Cannon, Jeffrey Sean

Gross, Cody L.

Hollifield, Lee Michael

Mathews, Ronald Gwaine

Vowell, Steven Ross

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Jackson State University

Liang, Xuejun

Mississippi State University

Jin, Mingzhou

Peng, Zhaohua

Robertson, Stanley R.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Barlow, Christina L.

Bouldin, Sheila D.

Bowman, John

Hupp, James R.

Pinell-Jansen, Christianne

CHANGE OF STATUS

Mississippi State University

Prescott, Ruth H.

West, James L.

Mississippi Valley State University-Athletics

Totten, Willie

TERMINATION

Delta State University

Andrews, Lillian P.

Housen, Fabian

Jones, JoAnn

Preus, Anne Hart

Smith, Evelyn

Young, Cynthia J.

Jackson State University

Harris, Joyce B.

Jackson State University-Athletics

Geralds, David

Magee, Ben

Mississippi State University

Bartlett, Jack L.

Chatelier, Paul R.

Cole, George D.

Decker, Roy T.

Friend, Alexander L.

Harper, Jerome P.

Schoenholtz, Stephen H.

Stack, John E., III

West, Cynthia D.

Mississippi University for Women

Green, George Ray

Mississippi Valley State University-Athletics

Brown, Jay

Holgerson, Brett

McKelphin, Keith

Moore, Kevin

University of Mississippi

Bush, Larry S.

Bush, Marilyn J.

University of Mississippi - Athletics

Lindsey, Don L.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Acierno, Marie D.

Richardson, Beatrice

Tsang, Brian K.

Williams, Mark D.

Zhang, John

University of Southern Mississippi

Clark, Emily

Daughtry, Larry Joe

Lewis, Jerry

System Administration

Bowman, John

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2. **System Administration** - Approved the Quarterly Employment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2001. A copy of the report is included in the bound *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Layzell announced that today is John Bowman's last meeting as the Assistant Commissioner of Construction and Physical Affairs for IHL. Mr. Bowman has completed twenty-two years of service as of January 1, 2002. He will be going to work for the University of Mississippi Medical Center as the Director of Facilities. Dr. Layzell thanked Mr. Bowman for the many contributions he has made to the Board over the years.

PERSONNEL/FOREIGN TRAVEL AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting., it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the foreign travel item as submitted on the following Personnel/Foreign Travel Agenda.

3. **System Administration** - Approved foreign travel as follows:

FOREIGN TRAVEL

Mississippi State University

Aktosun, Tuncay	Cambridge, England
Brown, Lewis R.	Aberdeen, Scotland
Chamra, Louay	Honolulu, Hawaii
Chouinard, Matthew D. (Student)	Portage la Prairie and Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada
Collison, Clarence	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
Easley, J. Roger	Grenada, West Indies
French, William T.	Aberdeen, Scotland
Haupt, Tomasz	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Kidd, Michael T.	Mexico City, Mexico; Bogota/Medellin, Columbia; Tegucigalpa, Honduras; and Guatemala, Guatemala
McDonald, Heather M. (Student)	Jena, Germany
Morales, Arturo	Puebla, Mexico
Murray, Steve	Cancun, Mexico
Nicholas, Darrel D.	Hilo, Hawaii
Peebles, E. David	Oxford, United Kingdom

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Pitre, Henry N.	Managua, Nicaragua
Reese, Robert B.	Manchester, United Kingdom
Ritchie, Jarryl B.	San Jose, Costa Rica
Schulz, Kirk H.	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Shivaji, Ratnasingham	Madras, India and Singapore
Vozzo, Rosa	San Jose, Costa Rica
White, Emilie C.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
White, Jack H.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Zeledon, Johnson (Student)	Managua, Nicaragua

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Breeding, Larry	Panama City, Panama
Copeland, Lynn (Resident)	Paris, France
Corbett, James	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Forks, Tom	Iquitos, Peru
Fowler, David	Honolulu, Hawaii
Geissler, William B.	Delft, The Netherlands
Haines, Duane E.	St. Croix, Virgin Islands
Miller, Richard C.	Maui, Hawaii
Moore, Hugh (Resident)	Iquitos, Peru
Shain, Christopher (Resident)	Iquitos, Peru
Shaye, Robert	London, England
Spence, Libby	Honolulu, Hawaii
Streckfus, Charles	Paris, France
Subramony, S. H.	Bombay, India

University of Southern Mississippi

Burrage, Derek	Hawaii
Howden, Stephan	Hawaii
Kang, Heesook	Hawaii
Lohrenz, Stephen	Hawaii
McCormick, Charles	Australia
Shulman, Igor	Hawaii
Walker, Sharon	Hawaii
Walters, Howard	Hawaii
Wiesenburg, Denis	Hawaii

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System Administration - Emergency approval of foreign travel was granted by Commissioner Thomas D. Layzell per *Board Policy* 705.0103 for the following:

Alcorn State University

Addae, David	Accra, Ghana
Alipoe, Dovi	Ghana

Mississippi State University

Cha, Jinseok	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Farias, Ricardo	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

University of Mississippi

Albritton, Robert	Bangkok, Thailand
Czarnetzky, John	Paris, France
Dula, Jose	Lisbon, Portugal and Helsinki, Finland
Four Graduate Students	Winnipeg, Canada
Gabrynowicz, Joanne	Toulouse, France
Gaston, Gary	Belize City, Belize
Gispen, Cornelis	Leipzig, Germany
Kolossa, Eugene M.	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Noble, Charles	Winnipeg, Canada
Stewart, Jeremy (Student)	Oaxaca, Mexico
Stribling, Jill	Waldorf, Germany
Thurlow, Richard	Waldorf, Germany
Zimmerman, Jacqueline (Student)	Hawaii

University of Southern Mississippi

Edwards, Judson (Student)	Ireland
Thames, Rachel (Student)	Canada

OTHER BUSINESS AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the following item as submitted on the Other Business Agenda.

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1. **System Administration** - Approved agenda items considered subsequent to the November 15, 2001 Board meeting, as follows:

a. **Alcorn State University**

- i. Approved contract renewals for the following athletic personnel: Clyde Jefferson, Gary Lewis, Willie McGowan, Jr., John McKenzie, Karl Morgan, Richard P. Myles, and Johnny D. Thomas.
- ii. Approved change of status of personnel as follows: Herman Williamson.
- iii. Approved foreign travel for Napoleon Moses to Accra, Ghana.

b. **Mississippi State University**

- i. Approved foreign travel for Wenchao Ma to Strasbourg, France.
- ii. Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$178,500 to the low bidder, Conerly Construction, Inc., for **IHL #213-129, Seafood Processing Laboratory Repairs**. Funds are available in the amount of \$250,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
1. Consolidated Constructors	\$177,735.00
	NOT CONSIDERED DUE TO IMPROPER LICENCE
2. Conerly Construction, Inc.	\$178,500.00
3. Stewart Co., Inc.	\$178,800.00
4. Keys, W. I., Construction, Inc.	\$180,250.00
5. K. E. L. Construction Company, Inc.	\$180,816.00
6. V & W Construction Company, Inc.	\$180,822.11
7. Starks Contracting Co., Inc.	\$188,850.00
8. Steadman Contracting Services	\$208,540.00
9. Schwegman Constructors and Engineers, Inc.	\$211,340.00

- iii. Approved initiation of **IHL #205-192**, Install Lighting on the Intercollegiate Soccer Field. Funds will be furnished in the amount of \$200,000 from Athletic Department self-generated fund accounts.
- iv. Approved appointment of project professionals for **GS #113-094, Stoneville Multi-Purpose Building**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the amount of \$1.2 million from S.B. 3158, Laws of 2001; in the amount of \$985,000 from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and in the amount of \$740,000 from MSU/MAFES dedicated funds.
- v. Approved appointment of project professionals for **GS #113-097, Renovation of Pace Seed Technology/Preplanning**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available from S.B. 3158, Laws of 2001, Preplanning Fund.
- vi. Approved employment of Dr. George L. Verrall as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2002.
- vii. Approved change of status of personnel as follows: Dr. Vance Watson.

c. **Mississippi University for Women**

- i. Approved employment of personnel as follows: Thomas Scarbrough.

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- ii. Approved change of status of personnel as follows: Chris M. Robbins.
 - iii. Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$121,140 to the low bidder, Paul Curry Construction, for **IHL #204-113, Kincannon Hall Elevator Replacement**. Funds are available in the University's Plant Fund. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
1. Paul Curry Construction	\$121,140
2. Moffett Construction	\$132,000
3. Sneed Construction	\$130,798
4. West Brothers Construction	\$127,700
5. Rick Williams Construction	\$151,750
 - iv. Approved construction documents and authorize advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #104-138, 2001 Demolition Project**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the amount of \$660,000 from S.B. 3158, Laws of 2001.
- d. **Mississippi Valley State University**
- i. Approved foreign travel for Kathie Golden to Frankfurt, Germany; Yerevan, Armenia; and Baku, Azerbaijan.
 - ii. Approved employment of athletic personnel as follows: Lee Smith.
 - iii. Approved employment of personnel as follows: Lula Collier.
 - iv. Approved termination of personnel as follows: Linda Course, Kingsley Harbor, Irene Howard, Abul Kazi, Nathan McDonald, Sandra Seay, and Lori Willis.
 - v. Approved design documents and authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #106-174, Administration Building**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Estimated design and cost amounts equal \$103,139. Funds are available in the project budget.
- e. **University of Mississippi**
- i. Approved employment of athletic personnel as follows: Jeff Simpson.
 - ii. Approved termination of athletic personnel as follows: John Blair III.
 - iii. Approved termination of personnel as follows: Phillip D. Rogers.
 - iv. Approved foreign travel as follows: Charles Bland (Student) - Maui, Hawaii; Valerie Booth and Six Student Athletes - Honolulu, Hawaii; Stuart J. Bullion - London, England; Woody Cowart and Five Student Athletes - Honolulu and Kona, Hawaii; Deborah Gochfeld - Marsh Harbour, Bahamas and Belize City, Belize; Demetria Hereford - Maui, Hawaii; Tyler Hodges (Student) - Belize City, Belize; Tom Iliffe - Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Arleen McKnight - Honolulu, Hawaii; Douglas Robinson - Barcelona, Spain; Mar Slattery - Marsh Harbour, Bahamas and Belize City, Belize; Haymes Snedeker - Honolulu and Kona, Hawaii; Kevin Strychar (Student) - Belize City, Belize; and J. Robert Woolsey - Belize City, Belize.
 - v. Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$1,065,200 (base bid plus alterantes #1-#5) to the low bidder, Panola Construction Company, Inc., for **IHL #207-206, Lamar Law Center Partial Renovation**. Funds are available from Federal Grant Source Funds. Bids were as follows:

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Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates	Final bid
1. Panola Construction	\$974,900	1. \$16,100 2. \$ 9,500 3. \$25,000 4. \$20,300 5. \$18,500	\$1,065,200
2. J. O. Hooker & Sons Construction	\$962,000	1. \$64,000 2. \$12,000 3. \$34,000 4. \$12,000 5. \$22,000	\$1,106,000
3. Inman Construction	\$1,004,000	1. \$20,600 2. \$10,600 3. \$20,000 4. \$21,800 5. \$19,700	\$1,096,700
4. Mast Construction, Inc.	\$1,103,000	1. \$49,250 2. \$15,800 3. \$29,000 4. \$39,000 5. \$20,500	\$1,256,550
5. Little Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$1,123,500	1. \$42,508 2. \$16,453 3. \$32,807 4. \$22,414 5. \$20,470	\$1,258,152

f. University of Mississippi Medical Center

- i. Approved employment of personnel as follows: Anita Akers, J. David Bessman, Suzanne J. Ficek, Ariel R. Porcalla, Janaka P. Wansapura, Ronnie E. White, and David Charles Wilson.
- ii. Approved termination of personnel as follows: John Abide, Mariana G. Dimitrova, Jennifer Lyle Smathers, and Connie Tirtaman.
- iii. Approved foreign travel as follows: Radhakrishna Baliga - Bangalore, India; Heidi T. Bloom - Cancun, Mexico; Stanley W. Chapman - Iquitos, Peru; Carla Cleary - Iquitos, Peru; John Cleary - Iquitos, Peru; Alan Freeland - Cancun, Mexico; William Geissler - Cancun, Mexico; I. K. Ho - Kanazawa, Japan; Dena J. Howell (Resident) - Iquitos, Peru; John B. Howell (Resident) - Iquitos, Peru; Malinda Mallory (Resident) - Iquitos, Peru; Amy McCollum (Student) - Iquitos, Peru; David McCollum (Student) - Iquitos, Peru; Rathel L. Nolan - Iquitos, Peru; Mark Olson - Santiago, Chile; Ed Swiatlo - Iquitos, Peru; Thom A. Tarquinio - Hawaii; and Feng Zhang - Cancun, Mexico.
- iv. Approved request to retain Taylor Covington & Smith, P.A., as outside legal counsel to review relevant documents and other activities deemed necessary for preparation of title opinions and related documents for real estate matters regarding donated pieces of property and purchase and sale of properties. The contractual agreement is for the period December 20, 2001 through June 30, 2003 and will not exceed \$25,000. A copy of the contract is

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included in the bound *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.

- v. Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$274,495 (base bid plus alternate #1) to the low bidder, Sunbelt General Contractors, Inc., for **IHL #209-444, Pediatric Catheterization Laboratory Renovations**. Funds are available from hospital patient revenue. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate #1
1. Coleman Hammons Construction	\$299,000	\$36,000
2. Sunbelt General Contractors	\$242,745	\$31,750
3. Wilkinson Construction, Inc.	\$252,595	\$36,208

- vi. Approved initiation of **IHL #209-451, Pavilion Atrium Renovations**, and appointment of Simmons Associate/A.I.A. Architect as project professional. Funds are available in the amount of \$175,000 from the Medical Practice Funds.
- vii. Approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$142,471 with an increase in contract time of ninety (90) calendar days for **X017 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Renovations, IHL #209-445**. Funds are available from Hospital Patient Revenue.

g. **University of Southern Mississippi**

- i. Approved foreign travel as follows: Douglas Chambers - West Indies; Jameela Lares - England; Douglas Mackaman - Scotland and France; and Frank Moore - Canada.
- ii. Approved request to retain Jon Mark Weathers and Sandra Mohler, Attorneys at Law, to provide legal assistance with the matter of *Amaraneni, et al. v. GCRL, et al.* The rate for such work will be: \$110 per hour plus all direct expenses of representation. Funds are available from University general funds.
- iii. Approved request to retain Jon Mark Weathers and Sandra Mohler, Attorneys at Law, to provide legal assistance with the matter of *Gospodarski v. Lucas, et al.* The rate for such work will be: \$110 per hour plus all direct expenses of representation. Funds are available from University general funds.
- iv. Approved request to retain Jon Mark Weathers and Sandra Mohler, Attorneys at Law, to provide legal assistance with the matter of *Krell, et ux. v. USM, et al.* The rate for such work will be: \$110 per hour plus all direct expenses of representation. Funds are available from University general funds.
- v. Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$692,700 (negotiated price) to the low bidder, B. W. Sullivan Building Contractor, for **IHL #208-228, Peck House Alterations and Additions**. The original base bid submitted by B. W. Sullivan was in the amount of \$737,400. Sufficient funds are not available to finance the construction so the price was negotiated down. Funds are available in the amount of \$755,000 from the USM Foundation. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates
1. Innovative Construction Co., Inc.	WITHDREW	

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| 2. B. W. Sullivan Building Contractor, Inc. | \$737,400 | 1. \$117,000 |
| | | 2. \$ 94,600 |
| | | 3. \$ 44,400 |
| | | 4. \$ 20,300 |
| | | 5. \$ 45,000 |
| | | 6. \$ 28,900 |
| 3. Harvison-Dewitt Construction | \$750,000 | 1. \$111,000 |
| | | 2. \$ 92,000 |
| | | 3. \$ 45,000 |
| | | 4. \$ 21,000 |
| | | 5. \$ 46,000 |
| | | 6. \$ 31,000 |
| 4. Casablanca Construction, Inc. | \$780,000 | 1. \$100,000 |
| | | 2. \$ 92,000 |
| | | 3. \$ 45,500 |
| | | 4. \$ 20,400 |
| | | 5. \$ 46,200 |
| | | 6. \$ 41,800 |
| 5. Chris Albritton Construction Company, Inc. | \$805,000 | 1. \$ 96,500 |
| | | 2. \$ 82,498 |
| | | 3. \$ 23,916 |
| | | 4. \$ 20,000 |
| | | 5. \$ 45,000 |
| | | 6. \$ 23,600 |
| 6. Maples Construction Company, Inc. | \$820,000 | 1. \$ 83,000 |
| | | 2. \$ 42,800 |
| | | 3. \$ 34,700 |
| | | 4. \$ 27,000 |
| | | 5. \$ 45,000 |
| | | 6. \$ 17,480 |
- vi. Approved purchase of property located at 217 North 35th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The property is adjacent to the campus and is in keeping with the master development plan. The average of two appraisals is \$60,000 which is the proposed purchase price. Funds are available in the University Plant Fund.

Dr. Layzell passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Mr. Thomas Colbert for consideration of the Efficiencies Task Force Agenda item.

EFFICIENCIES TASK FORCE

Mr. Thomas Colbert, Chair

1. **Status Report** - Dr. Bob Nettles, Senior Fellow at IHL, gave a status report on the Committee's activities. Dr. Layzell announced that Ms. Peggy Sledge, Director, State Student Financial Aid, will be centralizing the process of applying for MTAG and MESH and centralizing the administration of these programs in the Mississippi Office of State Student Financial Aid Office. This move will save at least \$30,000 that is

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presently spent on auditing. Ms. Sledge is also moving towards a paperless process where students will apply on the website.

Mr. Colbert passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Dr. Thomas Layzell for consideration of the Planning Agenda items.

PLANNING AGENDA
Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell

1. **Higher Education Summit** - Dr. Layzell reported on the Higher Education Summit held on Monday, January 7, 2002. The Summit recommendations provide an important framework for the universities, K-12, and community colleges for the future planning and budgeting efforts to strengthen the educational system in this state. There are six priorities and about fourteen initiatives. Each agency will need to work these initiatives into the planning and budgeting process in the next few years. Dr. Layzell has asked Dr. William McHenry, Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs, to work with the chief academic officers to begin to develop some recommendations for implementation of these priorities and initiatives. Dr. McHenry has been working with K-12 and the Community College people to work across the sectors. Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently stated that Representative John Eads will introduce a bill to create the Education Progress Board that is called for in the Summit recommendations.
2. **Other Business** - Dr. Layzell requested that the Board reaffirm an action taken in March 2000 before several of the current Board members had joined the Board. On motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board voted to ratify its prior action of approval given on March 15, 2000 for Commissioner Thomas D. Layzell and the Board Chairperson to participate in the 501(c)(3) Mississippi Education Partnership.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA
Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the following items as submitted on the Unanimous Consent Agenda.

1. **MSU** - Approved termination of personnel as follows: Malcolm Portera.

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2. **System Administration (Information item.)** - Accepted the Quarterly Litigation Expense Reports relating to the UMMC Tort Plan. A copy of the reports is included in the bound *January 17, 2002 Board Working File*.
3. **UM** - Approved employment of personnel as follows: Ahmed H. M. Al-Ostaz.
4. **UM** - Approved employment of the following athletic personnel: Reginald W. Herring and Katherine V. Mowat.
5. **MVSU** - Approved employment of the following athletic personnel: Clyde Jefferson, Arthur Moore, Rickey Smither, and Samuel Washington.

Dr. Layzell passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Dr. Clinton Bristow for a report of the Presidents' Council activities.

PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., President

Wednesday, November 28, 2001 Conference Call

LBC Recommendations

Details of the LBC Recommendations will be submitted to IHL at the end of December. The reduction in IHL funds from FY02 is 14.8% (net 2% salary increase = 13.22%).

IHL System strategies will include:

- January, 2002 Legislative breakfast meeting to lay out the consequences for IHL;
- Seeking external support from Business Groups, Alumni Councils, etc.;
- Pushing for additional bridge money;
- Stressing the importance of education at all levels K-12, Community Colleges, IHL to the state's economic well-being; and
- Exigency proposal as a last alternative.

Local strategies by each university should include:

- Meetings with local business leaders to explain the situation and
- Translating the 13.22% cut into specifics that the locals understand (statement of regrets).

A Statement of the Regrets should be sent to the Commissioner. A conference call on December 17, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. will be arranged to (1) review the Statement of Regrets and (2) discuss revenue proposals and other restoration proposals.

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PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., President

Monday, December 17, 2001

Commissioner Layzell started by discussing the discussions he had with Speaker Ford and Lt. Governor Tuck regarding vacancies. A private meeting will be held with the leadership in early January to clarify positions. At the meeting, the Commissioner will show the two-year reductions and impact. The vacancy issue will be hit head on.

Dr. David Potter indicated that he and Dr. Kent Wyatt, President Emeritus of Delta State University, met with Chairman Charlie Capps who gave the following advice:

- 1) Get the business community to support IHL;
- 2) Push for a dedicated revenue stream; and
- 3) All Presidents should be visible on the floor the last two weeks; this is when the IHL budget will be finalized.

The Budget Process Task Force will meet by video-conference at 11:00 a.m. on December 17, 2001 to continue its prior work on the budget process.

PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., President

Wednesday, January 16, 2002

After the meeting was called to order, there were no visitors or special presentations so the meeting proceeded according to the agenda.

I. Spring Break

It was unanimously agreed that spring break will be a work week for staff unless vacation days are utilized.

II. FY03 Budget

The Commissioner discussed the continuing issues associated with the FY03 budget. Strategies were formulated for formal and informal budget presentations with legislators.

III. Institutional Missions

April is the target month for the finalization of institutional missions. The presidents by consensus agreed that performance indicators should be linked to institutional missions except those indicators that are "vital signs." Universities should be given ample notification of indicators.

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IV. Task Force on Efficiencies

The Commissioner indicated that this Task Force is focusing on: (1) the consolidation of computer operations and (2) the Texas A&M Management Report.

V. Executive Officers Evaluation Task Force

The Commissioner indicated that this Task Force will continue its work during the next couple of months.

VI. Higher Education Summit

The recent Higher Education Summit was discussed. It was agreed that IHL should use the outcomes from the Summit to enhance revenue streams for all of education.

VII. Academic Program Review

The Commissioner informed the presidents that the Academic Program Review discussion will take place at the February 21, 2002 Board meeting.

VIII. MAMP Match

It was unanimously agreed that the MAMP program is a success and a national model. However, the escalating match requirement (\$1.7 million for all eight universities by 2006) is problematic. It was agreed that Drs. Bristow, Khayat, Potter and Mason would visit the NSF on behalf of the eight universities to seek relief from the match.

Dr. Bristow passed the chairmanship of the Board meeting to Mr. Bill Crawford.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Ross, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Griffis, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast litigation.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Colbert, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board agreed to wait for a consensus of the Board before taking action.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Dr. Davidson, Ms. Newton, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning